THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) An Army Captain undergoing training in the Flying Instructors' Course and a Wg Cdr (Instructor) were involved in a fatal accident in a HT-2 Trainer Aircraft. No aircraft were found unserviceable subsequent to the accident.

(b) It would not be in the public interest to disclose further details.

(c) The HT-2 aircraft were inducted into service in 1954 and continued to be manufactured up to 1964. None of these aircraft are being flown at present.

(d) This cannot be disclosed in public interest.

(e) and (f) In March 1988, the Ministry of Defence issued orders for gradual phasing out of this aircraft by December, 1989. All HT-2 aircraft were replaced by HPT-32 aircraft in May, 1989.

Validity of rules of registered societies regarding select panels of direct recruits contravening Government rules

2607. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred question 824 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1989 and state:

(a) whether a society, fully funded and controlled by the Ministry/department of the Government of India can frame rules governing preparation of select-panels of direct recruits to different vaccancies/posts through its Board of Governors, which contravene and violate those of the Government of India; and

(b) if so, the validity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The instructions issued by this Department regarding preparation of select-panels are applicable to the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and their attached and Sub-ordinate offices only. These instructions are not directly applicable to the societies registered under the Societies Act which are funded and controlled by the Central Government. The question of violation of the Government instructions by such Societies does not therefore arise.

Recurring and non-recurring grants to societies funded by Central Government

2608. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether different Societies fully funded and controlled by the Government of India, are empowered to make recurring and non-recurring grants to the Staff-side of JCM, constituted by them; and

(b) if so, the details of provisions/procedures/guide lines, relating thereto, prescribed by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Scheme for Joint Consultative Machinery and Compulsory Arbitration has been set up for Central Government employees,

No instructions have been issued by this Ministry in regard to setting up of these Counsils or for any such grant in respect of Societies etc.

S.T.D. Facility to towns in Assam

2609. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of towns in Assam, connected with STD services; and

(b) what are the names of towns proposed to be provided STD connections during 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Thirteen (13) towns in Assam have been provided with STD facility as on date.

(b) Two (2) places namely Golaghat and Golpara are planned for STD facility during 1989-90.

Export of TV sets

2610. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has started exporting India-made colour and black and white television sets;

(b) if so, to which countries; and

(c) what would be our foreign exchange earnings during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Some TV set manufacturers have received orders for export of CTV sets and Black & White TV kits to some countries in the Middle East, Yugoslavia, North Korea and Bangladesh. Negotiations by some of the TV set manufacturers are also in progress for export of TV sets to other countries.

(c) During the current financial year 1989-90, the export of consumer electronic items including Black & White TV sets is estimated to be about Rs. 70 crores.

Setting up of joint consultative machinery by society funded by the Central Government

2611. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

DR. R. K. PODDAR:

SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHNA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(b) whether a society, fully funded and controlled by the Government of India, can set up its Joint Consultative Machinery;

(b) if so, whether it is necessary that the constitution of such JCMs must be vetted by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms; and

(c) if so, whether constitution of JCM of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan had been vetted by the Department of Personnsl and Administrative Reforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Joint Consultative Machinery & Compulsory Arbitration Scheme is meant for Central Government employees and is not applicable to Public Sector Undertakings or Quasi-Government Organisations.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.